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## LABOR TICKET EASILY WINS IN ELECTION

### TWO DARK HORSES CHOSEN FOR SCHOOL BOARD.

E. V. Doyle and Robert Marshall Are Selected—East Side School Building a Factor.

The "labor" end of the Box Butte county farm-labor political "bloc" showed its strength at the school board election in Alliance Tuesday, when its two candidates were put over by substantial majorities. The candidates were sprung as dark horses on the morning of election day, and although some attempt was made to oppose them, the opposition didn't have the organization to put up effectual resistance.

E. V. Doyle, 606 Mississippi, and Robert Marshall, 620 Missouri, were elected members of the school board Tuesday, carrying all wards except the fourth. The only opposition candidates who carried any number of votes were A. T. Lunn and Mrs. S. W. Thompson. The final vote of the entire city is as follows, Doyle, 311; Marshall, 312; Lunn, 211; and Mrs. Thompson, 221. There were also a few scattering votes.

The successful candidates were dark horses, nothing being said of them as candidates until election day. They were then announced with hand bills and proclaimed to be "labor's choice." Both of the men are railroad employes and work at the "rip" track or car repairing department.

There was undoubtedly a concerted effort on the part of the laboring men and the railroad men in particular to elect them. This is the first time in many years that there has been any contest for school board positions in many years and may have been influenced by the building of the two new school buildings.

### Second Ward Vote Heavy.

The vote was heaviest in the second ward or city hall ward, where the large amount of the winners' votes were cast. In this ward, Lunn and Mrs. Thompson, were defeated by a large majority. Voting was light until after four o'clock, when all employes were free.

Following is the unofficial record of the vote. The official canvass will be made by the city council, probably at its next meeting. The total vote cast was about 550.

	First Ward	Second Ward	Third Ward	Fourth Ward	Total
Doyle	58	156	75	22	311
Marshall	57	158	76	21	312
Mrs. Thompson	47	31	62	84	224
Lunn	45	28	54	81	211

Not all the votes that were cast for the two candidates who were labeled "labor's choice" came from the laborers themselves. A considerable amount of support came from the residents of the east side, who are strongly in favor of having a ward school building there. The spring building program includes a ward school, but the residents of that part of the city, having discovered the necessity of fighting for everything they have been able to secure for that part of town, have been suspicious that there was a catch in it somewhere. Therefore, largely because they were suspicious, and because they wanted men on the board who would, as they believed, represent their interests and see to it that nothing happened to take the ward school away from them, the east siders presented the labor candidates a good many votes.

### The East Side Situation.

Actually, the east siders had nothing to be alarmed about. Under the conditions the bonds for the new school buildings were voted, the school board couldn't have refused to build a ward school, even did they desire, and they have had no intention of not keeping faith with the east siders. Several times the announcement has been made that the ward school would be built, and plans are being prepared for it along with the new high school building. Some east siders are quoted as saying, however, that they prefer to have more money spent for a ward school than it is proposed to spend. One of them suggested that he thought a \$100,000 east side school should be erected, and when reminded that the board was spending but \$200,000 altogether, instead of the \$250,000 voted, and that there wasn't sufficient money available to spend that much for a ward building, said that the east siders were perfectly willing to see the high school made a lot smaller. That attitude is characteristic of a good many east side residents.

According to members of the school board, the estimates of cost for the two buildings to be constructed this spring are still so high that it is very doubtful whether they can be built and equipped for the money at the board's disposal. It may be necessary to use the remaining \$50,000, bonds for which

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Forecast for Nebraska: Fair tonight and Saturday; cooler extreme east portion tonight.

were not issued.

Bids for the two buildings have been asked, and will be opened April 21. If the bids are within the estimate, the contract will be awarded by the present board. If not, the next board, containing no east side labor members, will open the bids May 1. Some other members of the board, it is hinted, also favor the east side, and in the event of a change of opportunity, may do some changing of plans.

One argument that helped to elect the labor candidates, it is understood, is that certain objectionable members of the faculty could be dislodged with a change in the board. The argument was made that the board at present is a closed corporation, dominated by one or two strong personalities, and that the lineup would be changed by the election of the labor candidates.

## Lloyd Burrow

### Victim of Accident

### This Morning

Lloyd Burrow, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Burrow, 409 Sweetwater, had his right leg broken just below the knee, this morning when the pony which he was riding slipped and fell on the pavement in front of the Fourth Street Market. The boy was immediately taken to the hospital where Dr. M. J. Baskin took an X-ray of the break and set the bones.

The accident happened about 8:45 this morning. He was picked up and taken to the hospital in the delivery truck of the Fourth Street Market. He is reported as doing nicely.

## NEW MOVIE HOUSE OPEN ABOUT THE FIRST OF MAY

### J. E. HUGHES ANNOUNCES PLAN FOR PICTURE SHOW.

Construction Work Under Way at Building Formerly Occupied by Darling's Store.

J. E. Hughes, former manager of the Imperial theatre, will open a new show in Alliance about May 1, in the building formerly occupied by Darling's furniture store, according to present plans. Construction started Thursday morning under D. E. Vanderlass, and quite extensive alterations are contemplated. The east side of the building only will be used as the show proper, while the west side will be divided into a lobby, rest rooms, office, etc.

The front of the building on the east half will be entirely closed and the plate glass front removed. The floor will be lowered about five feet at the back of the building or directly in front of the screen, giving sufficient slant to the floor to allow everyone in the show to see with ease. Only a screen will be installed, as there is hardly sufficient room for a stage. The seating capacity will be about 450, and while the theater will be small it is planned to make it up to date and well equipped to the smallest detail.

Mr. Hughes has already arranged for some of his films, and says that only the best will be shown. The admission will probably be 10 and 25 cents with an increase to 30c for feature pictures. This rise in price will only be for the very best features, and at no time will the admission be more than this.

## Al V. Gavin Tells Rotarians of Trip to District Meet

At the Wednesday dinner of the Alliance Rotary club, Secretary Al V. Gavin was the principal speaker. He told of the trip to the district conference, held at Sioux Falls, S. D., the latter part of March. The conference will go down in Rotary history as one of the best, he said, and complimented the Sioux Falls Rotarians on the way they had prepared for the gathering. A regular city of Pullman cars was laid out on the tracks near the station, with sidewalks, electric lights, telephones and all necessary conveniences. Other organizations in the city cooperated to the fullest extent.

The chief matters discussed at the conference, Mr. Gavin said, were the redistricting problem and the new constitution.

The Alliance club reconsidered its action of a week previous, and voted in favor of the proposed change in the district, which will throw Alliance in with all Nebraska clubs and a few in the western part of Iowa. The present district includes Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota, and the two latter states have combined to hand each other all the favors. Alliance prefers the smaller district, or some arrangement which will throw this club into a district with towns in Colorado and Wyoming.

## CLIFFORD MEEKS IN TROUBLE FIRST DAY OUT OF PEN

### BUYS PISTOL ON ARRIVAL AT ALLIANCE THIS MORNING.

Sentenced to Penitentiary From Box Butte County Two Years Ago for Toting Concealed Gun.

Clifford Meeks, nineteen-year-old ex-convict, was arrested by Chief of Police C. W. Jeffers this morning on a charge of carrying concealed weapons, but was allowed to leave the city and go to Edgemont at 1 o'clock today. Meeks was discharged from the Hawthorne Apartments at Lincoln, the state reformatory for youthful criminals recently opened, where he has just completed the last few weeks of a two-year hitch on the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

Meeks was sentenced from Box Butte county two years ago, after he had broken into a farmer's house in the country and appropriated clothing and other articles. County Attorney Basye did not, however, press the burglary charge, because of the boy's extreme youth, but charged him only with carrying concealed weapons, as he was toting a gun which he had stolen from a section hand with whom he had been working.

Meeks arrived in Alliance this morning, with about \$40 in his pocket. He bought some clothes and also a gun at the Rhein Hardware store, the latter costing him \$15. When taken into custody he had about \$5 in his possession.

Chief Jeffers arrested Meeks at the depot when he saw him putting the gun into his suitcase. He asked the boy his name and recognized him as a former culprit. Meeks was then taken to the sheriff's office, where he was questioned.

Shaking with fear at the prospect of being again sentenced, weak mentally and physically, and with the prison pallor still on his cheeks, Meeks broke down and begged not to be sent to the penitentiary a second time, promising that he was "going square" from now on.

He was then allowed to take the gun back to the store and was placed upon the train for Edgemont, the second lap of his journey to Canada, where he plans to rejoin his parents. The gun which he purchased was not new, having the name Charles Gayard, Montgomery, Ill., written inside the flap on the holster. It was a .22 caliber target revolver, and Meeks claimed that he wanted to use it for target practice when he reached Canada, as he could not buy a gun there.

## Declamatory Contest This Afternoon at Bridgeport

Frances Fletcher, Theodore Benson, Miriam Harris, and Mrs. Dunning, the coach left last night for the district declamatory contest at Bridgeport today, to represent the local high school. Two teams are entered, Chapman, Merna, Kimball, Theford, Mitchell, Scottsbluff, Gering, Sidney, Millen, Bridgeport, Hyannis and Alliance.

Frances Fletcher who is Alliance's humorous representative will give, "A Case of Fits," Miriam Harris in the dramatic will give, "Ol' Mistus," and Theodore Benson in the oratorical has selected, "The Unknown Speaker."

The dramatic division will be held in the afternoon, and the humorous and dramatic in the evening. The judges unless they have previously seen a representative will not know the contestant's name or town as only the name of the selection will be on the program, and the judges will pick the winners with only the name of the selection as a guide. With absolutely impartial, as the judges are sometimes unconsciously influenced by the circumstances.

Principal F. C. Prince left this noon for Bridgeport, as he is treasurer of the declamatory organization, and will attend the annual meeting and election of officers after the contest.

## Alliance People to Attend Meeting of Missionary Society

A number of Alliance people will go to Kimball to attend the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Box Butte Presbyterian Missionary society, April 18-19. On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. W. C. Mounts will speak on "Stewardship," and on Wednesday morning Mrs. Ben Fernald will give a talk on, "A Visit to the Southern Mountains." On Wednesday a round-table discussion on, "Our Young People and Children," will be led by Mrs. R. L. Harris.

There will be delegates present from all of the Platte valley towns, from Sidney and Alliance and from other towns in this section of the state. At present Mrs. W. C. Mounts is vice-president of the organization, Mrs. J. J. Vance, secretary, and Mrs. R. L. Harris secretary of young people's work.

## FINALS IN CITY MUSIC CONTEST NEXT SUNDAY

### FIFTY-TWO PUPILS WIN IN THE PRELIMINARY.

To Decide Competition at the Imperial Theater Sunday Afternoon at 4 O'Clock—Invitation Affair.

Two hundred and thirty-four pupils in the grades of the Alliance schools took part in the preliminary music memory contest held Wednesday and Thursday of this week, and from this number fifty-two have been selected eligible to compete in the final contest Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Imperial theater. One hundred and eighty-seven pupils passed the examination, so far as naming the compositions, and the composers was concerned, but these fell down on spelling, punctuation and other features of the contest.

The sixth grade of Emerson school led in the competition, with the largest percentage of perfect answers of any grade participating.

Admission to the final contest, where the twenty-five compositions will be played on the big pipe organ by Leo Kindig, organist, will be by card only. Invitations are extended through the penmanship department of the public schools.

Following are the winners in the preliminary contest:

Emerson School  
Eighth grade—Alice Prettyman, Ruth Schill, Nellie Sturgeon, Lucie Eickinson, Vera Lowery, Maurine Bold, Vivian Dow, Bill Irish.

Seventh grade—Denn's Bicknell Carl Rust, Jane Beeson, Myrtle Williams, Mary Beth Lucas.

Sixth grade—Louise Cogswell, Adah Turner, Frank Hirst, Floyd Groce, Cecil Coats, Dorothy Coyner, Leola Schill, Helen Hively Gladys Parsons, Guya Miller, Edna Fenner, Rosalie Denton, Gley Ahar, Veva Wilson, Olive Gentry, Irene Sneider, Mona Cornu.

Central School  
Eighth grade—Janice Wills, Maudie Henderson, Esther Frederick, Opal Zink, Thelma Sanders, Wayne Thompson, Raymond Lackey, Nell Gavin.

Seventh grade—Faye Belhart, Geraldine Reed, Doris Shaw.

Sixth grade—Martha Miller, Dorothy Armour, Dorothy Peterson, Lillian Fuller, Howard Carr.

Sixth grade—Dorothy Marks, Dixon Grassman, Viola Merle.

The effect of the music memory contest on the pupils is shown by the following extracts from compositions written by the pupils on the various pieces of music included in the contest list:

"I like all the pieces we have studied because they have such pretty airs, but I like 'The Star Spangled Banner' best, because it is about our own country, and it makes me glad that I live in America."—Dorothy Coyner.

"I like 'Humoresque' the best of the music we have studied, and I like this way of studying music in the contest, because we pay attention when you tell the story, then when the music is played we listen closer to hear the different parts of the story."—Clarice Lawrence.

"Since we have entered this music contest, I have learned much about instruments, stories of the lives of composers, and their compositions. I like the music memory contest because I think I get more out of them than I would any other way. 'Humoresque' is my favorite because it has good rhythm. It has quite a bit of humor in it, except when the court jester thinks of the sadness in his home."—Helen Penning.

"The music contest we are having is a wonderful help for the children. We learn the different melodies, composers and also the instruments. One selection I like exceptionally well is 'Barcarolle,' by Offenbach. It is taken from a scene on the water; the boat is swaying back and forth, while the moon is in full glory. It has a soft melody, most like a dream."—Adah Turner.

## Peter Collins to Lecture at Imperial Thursday, April 13

Peter W. Collins, well known K. C. lecturer, will speak at the Imperial Thursday evening, April 13, on "What's Wrong With the World." Mr. Collins is a national authority on labor problems, and is one of the speakers in the K. C. campaign against ultraradicalism.

Everybody welcome and everything free is the slogan of Alliance council, Knights of Columbus, who are sponsoring the lecture. Mr. Collins will speak between films of the regular picture show, admission to which will be free for the evening. Children under eighteen years of age will not be admitted, in order to have ample room for the older folk, but all others will have a pleasant evening's entertainment, with some food for thought, at no cost. The comedy reels will be run first, then the lecture, followed by the feature picture.

George D. Darling is still ill with the flu and unable to be at his store.

## Lions Club Hears Address by Veteran Traveling Salesman

Frank Johns of Grand Island, for twenty-five years a traveling salesman into Alliance as a representative of the Dolan Fruit company of that city, was the speaker at the Lions club dinner at the Palm Room of the Alliance hotel Thursday evening.

Mr. Johns spoke of business conditions today and prospects for the future. It's a little quiet in the sandhills and nearby regions, just at present, he said, but he has been in touch with conditions here for years and has unbounded faith in the possibilities for the future. He suggested new lines of endeavor, and mentioned dairy cattle as a feasible new industry. Alliance is due to keep on growing he said.

The speaker gave some reminiscences of his earlier trips to Alliance. He spoke of the old Charters hotel, the city's best hostelry in the days when he first began making his trips here. C. A. Newberry, Fred Holsten, George W. Duncan and R. M. Hampton are the only men still in business who were here when he made his first trip. Mr. Johns said that his interests were in Alliance, even more than with his home city.

Secretary Lloyd C. Thomas reported on the road meeting at Bingham and of the prospects for pushing the Potash highway through to completion. Mr. Johns told of a card system the Grand Island T. P. A. and is on the road committee, volunteered to do what he could from that end of the route. Mr. Johns told of a card system used by Grand Island traveling men, who forward to their organization complaints or commendations of roads over which they have to travel.

H. Patrick of Thiele's also made a brief talk.

The Lions accepted the invitation of the Rotary club for April 19.

## JUDGES FOR THE HERALD PUZZLE CONTEST NAMED

### MONDAY AT MIDNIGHT IS THE CLOSING HOUR.

Artist's Master List Will Be Turned Over to Three Men Who Will Make the Awards.

Walter R. Pate, superintendent of schools, County Judge I. E. Tash and City Manager N. A. Kemmish will act as judges in The Herald's P-word puzzle contest, which will close at midnight on Monday, April 10. These men will look over the answers, compare them with the artist's master list, and will make the award of prizes.

Contestants have until midnight Monday to send in additional words, or to qualify for higher classes by sending in renewals or new subscriptions. Those who live in the city or out may either mail their answers, or bring them to The Herald office not later than the closing hour. Letters mailed must be mailed before the hour of midnight on Monday.

The contest is proving a most popular feature, but judging by the answers that have come in, it is still fairly new to the city. The Herald does not know how many words are to be found in the picture. The master list arrived yesterday in a sealed, registered letter, and will be opened by the judges when they are ready to make the awards. This will probably be done the latter part of the week, as it is desired to give answers from contestants from out of the city ample time to arrive and be counted.

There is still time for new contestants to get started and for those who have already sent in answers to qualify for the larger prizes. It is possible, too, that some of them may desire to send in additional words, and this will be permitted up to the closing hour. All contestants are urged to qualify for the \$100 cash prize. Of course, there's a good deal of fun in finding the words, but it adds to the interest to run the chance of getting a substantial present of money. Almost anyone of us could use \$100, and even a \$25 or \$50 prize would be worth having. As the closing hour nears, this is the time to hustle and above all, get the answers to the office or in the mail in time. Winners will be announced at the earliest possible moment.

## Switch Engine is Derailed Thursday Near Roundhouse

Switch engine No. 1578 was derailed a short distance west of the roundhouse about 9 o'clock Thursday morning when the rails over which the engine was passing spread and allowed it to drop onto the ties. The ties were broken and a fair sized hole dug by the engine's wheels. The tank was also tilted so that the water in it ran out, making the job of putting the engine on its track a somewhat damp one. The wrecker was called and the engine lifted clear of the track while it was repaired sufficiently to allow the engine to be again placed upon it and taken away. The work required the services of about 15 men.

## KINKAID GIVES STATUS OF SCRAP FOR LAND OFFICE

### MATTER OF CONSTRUCTION OF LANGUAGE OF LAW.

Senator Hitchcock Has Appealed to Secretary of the Interior to Suspend Order.

Senator G. M. Hitchcock and Congressman Moses P. Kinkaid of the big Sixth district both have their coats off and sleeves rolled up and are working, independently, for the same thing—the rescinding of the order from the department of interior to discontinue the Alliance land office at the close of this fiscal year.

A telegram received from Senator Hitchcock by Secretary Lloyd C. Thomas of the Alliance chamber of commerce Wednesday reads as follows: "I have appealed to the secretary of the interior to suspend order for the present. After the end of this fiscal year matter will probably be reached by a joint resolution." There has been no further word received from the senator as to the prospects for success. This telegram was sent by him some days later than his letter, published last Tuesday, in which he stated that the prospects for success were very poor.

Further light on the status of the scrap is furnished by the following letter from Congressman Kinkaid, dated March 31, and sent to the Alliance chamber of commerce in answer to a telegram asking his intervention and assistance. The letter says:

In answer to a telegram sent to me at your request over the signature of Mr. Hewitt, receiver of your district land office inquiring about the provisions of the appropriation bill, containing a clause for the discontinuance of district land offices, I wired Judge Hewitt, the substance of which reads as follows:

"Answering your telegram I have made an earnest effort to have appropriation bill construed and applied to permit the continuation of the Alliance land office district, but I regret to say prospects are against success. Delegations of some other states similarly affected working on the same line. The appropriation bill in a negative way affects the enforcement of Section 2248 and 2250, revised statutes, page 394, by forbidding expenditures for district land office coming under their provisions. No discretion left to Secretary of Interior."

Construction of the Law.

It is pertinent to state for the further advice of your organization and (Continued on Page 8.)

## Boy Scouts Minstrel Show Is Tonight At Imperial Theatre

Everything is now in readiness for the Boy Scout minstrel show this evening at the Imperial, and those who miss this show will regret it. With new songs, costumes, dances and in fact everything new, even the players, this will be a show no one can afford to miss. A number of the boys and girls are developing remarkably good voices, and the music is sure to please. Howard Cogswell has a specialty that should make a hit, and William Zeig, with "Look Me Over Girls," should bring down the house. A. H. Harper, the director has some fine chorus work, and the whole show is high class, and deserving of a packed house. The program will be:

Act 1—Movies, with Buster Keaton in "The Pale Face," and the Pathe News.

Act 2—Violin Solo, "The Swan," Raymond LaRiviere.

Act 3—"Harmonious Discard," Josephine Wright and Lawrence Kemmish.

Act 4—"Oh, Gosh," Howard Cogswell.

Act 5—"Fifty Minutes in Minstrel Land."

Opening Medley, entire company.

"We'll Dance 'Til Night Turns to Day," Verna Dow.

"Dapper Dan," Jay Cantlin.

"In Your Embrace," Kathryn Harris.

"Carolina Rolling Stone," Verna Laing.

"Say You'll Be Mine," Edna Mae Miller.

"When My Shoes Wear Out From Walking I'll Be On My Feet Again," Garland Baker.

"She's Just a Plain Old Fashioned Girl," Josephine Wilson.

"Look Me Over, Girls," William Zeig.

Final, "Pucker Up and Whistle," entire company.

Interlocutor, Wayne Threlkeld.

Backstage—Verna Laing, William Zeig, Frank Mounts, Frank Campbell, Jay Cantlin, Garland Baker, Leland Messex, Dean Yarter.

Harmonizers—Kinunka Campfire—Dolly Dailey, Edna Mae Miller, Josephine Wright, Verna Dow, Josephine Wilson, Janice Adams, Kathryn Harris, Florence Baker, and Johnny Moxon, Howard Cogswell, Lawrence Kemmish, Arthur Miller, Charles Ewing, Clayton Romig, Walt Myers, Howard Rust, Ellis Wright.